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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, System Engineering Division, OJCS

SUBJECT : ORACLE Project Status and Schedules

1. During my last trip to California, 29 July-6 August, and members of my branch worked on document review and schedules. I would like to report the status of those activities as well as plans for the next few weeks. I am also attaching a complete cost analysis for the project with cost to complete astimates as they appear at this time.

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2. TMS 2 System Specifications - My primary reason for going to California was to get the TMS 2 System Specifications document in a form which we could place under a strict change control procedure. When I arrived there on 30 July, did not have the material that they had promised. We started to work toward a Friday deadline for the document, which was not met. and I worked over the weekend and by Tuesday noon we had the present document. I think that this document is quite good and has about 90% of what we need. The remaining material is mostly hardware information. The document is under change control and is being reviewed by OJCS personnel associated with the project. It is my intent to have here in Washington during the week of 26 August to discuss the document with all members of the Office who are interested. By 6 September the document will be submitted to the Contract Office as a contract document with the understanding that all work suggested in the document can be done for the stated money in the contract.

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3. Pre-Shipment Acceptance Test (PSAT) - This is the document that has been working on and can not really be complete until the specifications document is complete. We reviewed it last week and decided on a format change, but the content is good and the document is ready to go under change control now. We have a copy here and this document will be reviewed during the 26 August meetings also. It will then go under contract control at the same time the specifications document does in September.

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- 4. Budgets and Schedules During the week, I worked with the contract people to establish the current status of the contracts as they see it and what they see as the cost to complete estimates for the present contracts. My assumptions for the attached cost sheet are as follows:
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- a. Maintenance costs for the calendar year 75 are included in my estimates, and all costs after that are not.
- b. Disk rental costs at the beautiful which have not been programmed are a maximum of \$40,000.

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c. The CPFF contract has not slipped in cost or schedule at this time, but during the week of 26 August, I have asked to give a complete schedule and cost to complete management review. I believe that he may ask for a month delay with that much more money. I have not included this in my analysis.

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5. In summary, the week of 26 August is a critical week. OJCS management should be prepared to review the project and get any and all information from on the program. I believe that we should take a hard look at the ASP 3.1 schedules, SED workload, and long range plans for VS as we try to establish the trade-offs we might make with on the ORACLE program.

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Chief, Mass Storage System Branch SED

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